



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Muriel Y. Ishikawa et al.

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Examiner: B. Souw

For : Gamma Watermarking

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office Action mailed March 13, 2003, please amend the
above-referenced application as follows:

--If a binary bit-string of information is to be encoded N bits per radioisotope, i.e., as a binary-fraction specifying the intensity of a given spectral line emitted by a single radioisotope comprising a portion of the radiological inventory of a gamma watermark, then $\approx 3 \times (2^{\frac{N}{2}}) \sim (3 \times 2^{\frac{N}{2}})$ gamma-ray counts of that spectral line need to be recorded, in order to have a statistically reliable estimate of the relative intensity which is statistically reliable at the level of three standard deviations about the true mean value.--